

CHALFANT/TRI-VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE



7:00 PM Thursday, January 18, 2007
Chalfant Community Center

1. Call to order and introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Supervisor Hap Hazard
 - a. General update of Mono County activities.
4. New Business
 - a. Continued discussion – Community visioning/planning process
 - i. Overview of community planning.
 - ii. How does Chalfant see itself in 20 years?
 - b. Caltrans. As requested, Caltrans will attend to answer general questions regarding planning and Highway 6. Forest Becket
 - c. RPAC structure, discussion-direction regarding Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary.
 - i. Minutes for meetings
 - ii. Discussion-direction regarding meeting dates and times (change from Tuesday to another day).
5. Old Business:
 - a. Review RPAC member list for accuracy and potential changes.
 - b. Update on projects in area.
 - i. Tri-Valley map projects – 2000 to present
6. Set date and agenda for next meeting
7. Adjourn

Chalfant RPAC Meeting Minutes for 11/1/06

Present along with various community members were Supervisor Hap Hazard, RPAC Chair person Ben Hildenbrand and Greg Newbry from the office of community development.

A planned **community cleanup day** is scheduled at the park on November 18th. Cleanup landscaping, painting the inside of the center and other previously discussed tasks will be tackled. Those wanting to help should show up at 9 am. Please come and help! Bad weather will cancel outside tasks but inside painting can still occur.

Hap discussed a **grant application to renovate the community center and park**. The county hired a grant writer to prepare a \$477,437.00 grant application. If the grant is successful, it would fund a new ball field/soccer field and playground equipment, irrigation system, inside renovation, upgraded tennis court area, and more. The filthy conditions and inoperable toilet in the restroom park were discussed.

It was recommended to advertise all **notices of meetings of developments**, etc. in the *Inyo Register*. Greg will add all the new property owners in Osage to the RPAC mailing list. Co-chairmen and someone (Secretary) needed to take minutes. There was a volunteer to take the minutes of this meeting. Greg said he would assist and distribute but staff cannot be the minute recorder to an RPAC. It appears a few people who normally get notice of the meetings did not get noticed this time. It's important to make sure you keep the county updated with current mailing and email information. If you didn't get a notice (email and/or regular mail) and normally you do, please let Greg or Hap know. Greg's # 924-1811, Hap's # 935-4999. All **notices still will be posted** at the store, community center and soon on the west side, Hap has arranged for the county to make property available on the

west side of Hwy 6 for bulletin board. Volunteers (see Pete and Roberta 872-7846) will be putting up a notice board in the near future. **RPAC meetings are the last Tuesday of every even numbered month** (e.g. the next meeting is December 26th). There was a discussion of having more frequent meetings as there has been a lot of community participation and many issues upcoming.

The **Tri-Valley Advanced Life Support Committee** (thanks to Hap) has been meeting since June. The hope is to have "road map" for what Tri-Valley needs along with ideas and timing to achieve results. Anyone interested in attending these meetings, call Hap Hazard.

Hap reported that if Chalfant is interested, Inyo Mono Associates may be interested in assisting Chalfant in using the center for **senior center type activities**.

Hap has been in contact with the **State and National Hwy 6 Historical Association**. They may interested in helping locate, finance and install Hwy 6 historical signs in the Tri-Valley area.

RPAC requested information from the county regarding resources and how to secure financing for **bike trails**. LTC (Local Transportation Commission) was discussed.

Caltrans will be invited to the next RPAC meeting to discuss Hwy 6 issues.

Community planning was discussed. What does Chalfant want to be in 20 years? The idea is to perform in-depth community visioning and planning. It was recommended to have a subcommittee of dedicated citizens who meet at least monthly along with assistance from the county to start the process. Greg said the County is looking into possible consulting help to assist in the process.

White Mountain Estates was discussed and in particular, the need for a **turnout-in lane** on Hwy 6 as a mitigation measure. The community feels it is currently unsafe and additional access lanes similar to the requirements of the Mize project in Chalfant are needed.

The **EIR (Environmental Impact Report) and scoping process** was discussed. The RPAC requested to be on the notification list for all projects along the Highway 6 corridor from the county line to Benton. The importance of commenting on each project was discussed because each project has a cumulative impact on every community on the highway 6 corridor.

The **next meeting will be January 18 ~~December 26th~~ at 7 p.m.** The tentative agenda is Cal-Trans.